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MACEDONIAN CALL

The birth of a baby boy into the home of Brother and Sister Samuel L. Peterson in Jamaica.

The birth of a baby girl on September 17, 1958, to Brother and Sister Edward Hasmatali, Trinidad. May God bless this little newcomer.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Several of the missionaries have changed their address since the General Assembly; one or two have been added. They are listed below:

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#### PACKAGES OF LITERATURE

We have received packages and packages of used literature to send to the field, from Sister Ann Ingram. Middletown, Ohio. For quite some time Sister Ingram has been a regular contributor to this worthy cause, collecting this material regularly, and sending it to the Missions Department to be forwarded to the field.

#### BUNDLES OF CLOTHING

The State of Virginia recently sent a small truck loaded with boxes of used clothing to the Missions Offices. It pulled a trailer loaded with boxes of used clothing. Then several days later their overseer. Brother J. D. Bright, brought the remainder of the load in his car. We have prepared over one hundred large boxes for shipment, and are waiting for the Christmas rush to be over before sending them to the needy fields for distribution. May God bless the good people of Virginia for this special effort to bless our underprivileged brethren in other lands.

Don't forget that our missionaries can use old Christmas cards if they are religious in aspect, so don't throw them away!

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# Editorial Joyful Christianity

N THE early days of the Christian faith there were always overtones of joy and pleasure, even when the circumstances included persecution, suffering, abuse or want. Nothing seemed able to surpress the joy the early converts found in their faith. Their joy did not lie in their material wealth, nor in their popularity or physical well-being. It stemmed instead from a deep and abiding faith, a sense of spiritual attainment, and a sweet fellowship with one another.

Glimpses of this joyful undercurrent can be seen in such Scriptures as:

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." (Acts 2:46).

"Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus."
(1 Peter 5:14)

"I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (3 John 3, 4).

It is a beautiful picture, this breaking of bread, this spontaneous praise and prayer, this love for one another, this eagerness to hear of the welfare of other bands of the saints. This is Christian fellowship as it was in Apostolic days and in the early days of the Pentecostal faith. Too often today it is lost in concern with our own affairs, or a shallow sophistication or simple in dignified reserve.

It still exists, however, in most new gospel fields here in the United States, where pressures and opposition force the people to God and to each other. It is particularly true on our mission fields. To visit some of them is to step into the days of the early Christians, when the people were exultant over a new-found faith, and where there was perfect trust in God and complete confidence in each other.

These are some of the things that have impressed me in late years as I have travelled to some of our missions fields. As our missionary was preaching in one place, the large congregation listened enrapt to his words, and I was deeply touched when one woman leaned close enough through the press to touch his hand—for that was the hand of a holy man who had brought even her the words of life. I remember the

spontaneous waves of praise that I have heard from the people as their American missionary friends have entered the congregations, whether in the metropolitan areas or in the tropical jungle lands. Nothing can be more joyful than to hear the songs of welcome they sing for their visitors, or the embraces of spiritual fellowship, or their standing to send greetings to their fellow saints in the United States.

This is the thing that reminded me most of simple Christian joy and fellowship, the breaking of bread in the homes of the converts, the delight with which they pleaded for more of the Word of God. In one place, after sitting for hours around a simple dimly-lighted table on which there was only bread and fruit, and finally going to our sleeping places well past the midnight hour, I wrote in my diary:

Sitting (with the missionary) in this home and talking with these precious people must have been like Paul and his companions talking with groups of the early Christians. They were rapt with eagerness and sincerity, especially as they inquired about the welfare of the other churches on other missions outposts. We had a good season of prayer. Surely this is breaking the bread of love.

These experiences are repeated every day in many fields all over the world—the Pacific islands, the Caribbean islands, Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe. Not all of us can go as missionaries, or even visit mission lands, yet we are a part of this fellowship. We can experience the joy through our prayers and our support.



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#### LEFT COLUMN

Baptizing in the Philippines. A new group of believers confesses Christ to the world. Bible School in Barbados; teachers standing in the rear are Brother and Sister Ward and Brother and Sister Justice.

A group of believers in Budapest, Hungary. Brother Bekefi is seated with open Bible in his hand. Indonesia Bible School students attending one of the daily tasks of pumping water. Sister Ruth Alzamora, Peru, teaching Bible geography.



Brother Mngadi, South Africa: and Brother and Sister Ho, Indonesia; just after prayer in the Missions office.

The missions "staff" and friends at the depot with Sister Stark, before her departure for Angola. Brother and Sister McDaniel as they leave for Germany.

Brother and Sister McMahan and little Oliver bid adieu as the Missions Department stops for prayer. They are now in Hawaii.

Brother Ciulla from Argentina, Brother Biggs, Brother Hargrave, Brother Aultman, and Brother Mazzucco also of Argentina.















## MISSIONARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

By DAVID H. ADENEY (EFMA-used by permission)

HOUSANDS of Christian young people are today preparing for their life work. Ask them
about their relationship to the Lord Jesus and
in most cases they will acknowledge His right to
control their lives, But many, including those who
are actively witnessing at college, fail to realize
that their activity is an integral part of God's
world-wide purpose for His Church. The call
of Christ to go into all the world involves the
campus today and wider fields of service after graduation. Thus the student who is faithfully serving the
Saviour in his college, university, or employment will
eagerly seek to discover the work for which the Lord
of the harvest is preparing him.

The decision to go overseas as a missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ should never be made lightly. Serious consideration must be given to the basic implications of serving Him in a foreign land. To go forth to a non-Christian culture as His representative is a tremendous privilege—but it involves great responsibility.

The very essence of this calling is described by St. Paul, the Missionary Apostle, as follows: "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5). The missionary is one chosen to reveal Christ to men: proclaiming His Lordship and preaching His gospel of reconciliation through the cross. The missionary does this by his speaking and by his living. He seeks to be a true servant of all men, giving himself without reservation to help them in their need.

In light of this exalted standard, it is important that the Christian student contemplating missionary service overseas—or overseas service as a vocational witness—should examine before the Lord his relationship to Jesus Christ and also his relationship to people, both Christian and non-Christian.

Consider first your relationship to Jesus Christ. Are you a follower of the Crucified? Have you experienced what the Bible calls the new birth? Do you sense the constraint of divine love to take the gospel to those places where Christ has not yet been named? If you do, then ask yourself the following questions:

- (1) Do I enjoy real fellowship with the Lord Jesus?
- (2) Is my faith dependent upon others, or am I learning the secret of daily renewal of strength?
- (3) Am I really seeking that the life also of Jesus may be manifest in my body?
- (4) Is my spiritual life stagnant or am I really pressing on "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"?
- (5) Am I content with anything less than the life that is truly filled with the Holy Spirit?
- (6) Am I desirous above everything else of seeing my Saviour exalted?

After you have considered your relationship to the Lord Jesus, consider your relationship to people. Naturally, the effective imparting of the Word of God to others will depend in large measure upon one's ablity to communicate with those whose cultural and religious background differs from his own. It is well therefore, for a missionary volunteer to examine the pattern of his thought-life and his attitudes to others. Recognizing that the planting of the gospel of Christ in a non-Christian culture is utterly impossible apart from the working of the Holy Spirit, he should ponder the following questions:

- (1) Am I able to think independently, trusting the Holy Spirit to give the needed initiative and insight?
- (2) Can I enter sympathetically into the thoughts and feelings of others?
- (3) Am I able to establish friendly relationships with strangers in order that I might make opportunity of introducing my Lord and Saviour to them?

In view of the fact that the missionaries often work among the educated leaders of society as well as among those who are illiterate, it is absolutely mandatory that they be aware of present religious, cultural and political trends. You cannot afford to be unaware of the tremendous problems connected with the upsurge of extreme forms of nationalism and the success of communist penetration in all parts of the world. Missionaries are realizing more than ever that they should have a full knowledge of world trends.

Every true missionary must be an evangelist at heart. A missionary who was conscious of a lack in this respect wrote, "Personal evangelism for me was confined to a course in school. At home I had almost no experience in actually doing personal work, and I learned that here on the mission field people who are different in cultural background often do not accept the 'pat' answers I learned at school." For this reason experience in evangelism at home is essential.

More important than even his direct evangelism, however, is the missionary's ministry within the national church. The day of pioneer missionary work is not over and many are still being called to blaze the trail into areas where there is no local church. But the majority of missionaries will be serving with national believers. Their main objective will be to train leadership and help in special projects for which the local church is not yet able to accept full responsibility. For this reason the missionary candidate should examine his own attitude to the Church, by asking himself:

(1) Am I now fulfilling my responsibility as a mem-(Continued on page 11)



#### INDIA SHOWS DECLINE OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

The number of Christian missionaries in India has been declining during the past two years, according to a statement presented to Parliament on September 15. The report showed 5,691 for 1956, a total of 5,521 last year and 4,844 at the beginning of this.

Of this number there were 1,821 missionaries from the United States. Italians were next highest with 643. The statement gave no reason for the decline, but an official spokesman said one factor was that more and more Indian Christians were taking up duties previously performed by foreign missionaries.

It is the Indian government's declared policy that foreign missionaries coming to India in the future should possess special qualifications for jobs for which Indians are not available.

(EFMA Missionary News Service)

#### CHILE HAS NEW PRESIDENT

A new president, Jorge Alessandri, has just been elected by the people of Chile. In spite of the tense political atmosphere the election was carried out with complete order and tranquility. As a Liberal, the new president's political views are democratic and progressive. It was his father who, when president in 1925, brought about the separation of church and state. Pray that Senor Alessandri will respect the liberties established by the Chilean constitution, thus guaranteeing a continuance of the religious liberty enjoyed in that land.

(The Alliance Witness)

#### LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA, MEXICO

This is a rough brick church over which we will plaster. Los Mochis is a leading sugar cane city about third in size in the State of Sinaloa. The pastor is Manuel Cervantes; his wife is the former Elena Tirado, graduate of I. P. I. They have finished the brick parsonage. A donation of \$250 or \$300 would be a good memorial to some congregation here at home, to help them complete this outstanding project.

#### FACTS AND FIGURES

#### SOUTH KOREA

Protestants in South Korea now number 1,323,091. The breakdown of the larger groups is as follows: 864,262 Presbyterians; 345,685 Methodists; 45,500 Seventh-Day Adventists; 27,076 Salvation Army; 17,116 Baptists.

#### AFRICA

One out of every three Africans is Moslem. This makes a total for the continent of about 65 to 70 million. There are possibly 30 million Christians counting all groups that profess any relationship to Christianity. There are about 12 million included in the Protestant Christian community.

#### INDONESIA

The Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs recently reported that the number of Christians in the island nation has increased from four and a half million in 1950 to six million at the present time.

#### URUGUAY

Uruguay has at present 100 Mormon missionaries, a number which almost equals the evangelical staff of foreign and national workers.

#### HONG KONG

The Crown Colony of Hong Kong has an area of 391 square miles and a population of over three million. Of the population, between 700,000 and 800,000 are Chinese refugees. About 65,000 squatters live on rooftops of apartment buildings and homes. A number of missions are working to meet this great challenge. The Oriental Missionary Society has undertaken the unique ministry of having children's meetings on the rooftops.





# • A TOUR THROUGH OUR VILLAGE IN AFRICA

By DOROTHY JAMES SEARCY, Missionary to Nigeria

HE thought came to me the other day as I was passing through our village here in Nigeria, "How shocking it would be for some of our good people back in the States to see the street that we live on. Especially for those who try to find the best section of town to build in, the nicest residential area in which to raise their families, and the most convenient location. . ." How dumbfounded they would be if they could take a stroll with me through this remote abode.

First, they would notice that all of the houses, like ours, were made of mud with thatched roofs. Their attention would be drawn to the naked children playing around the village, or sitting on the ground. They would be struck with awe as they saw women walking along nursing infants or older children, sometimes up to two years of age, on their naked breasts, and see the men scantily dressed in a "diaper-like" rag as they prepared to climb their palm fruit trees. Perhaps they would be appalled as they observed that the goats, dogs, chickens, and other animals went in and out of the houses of the natives at liberty, for they shared the dwelling places with them. As they walked with me they would take notice that there were deep pits in the front yards of their compounds where the natives had dug the mud to build their houses and just left the pit.

Come along with me, and if you will look closely you will observe a man climbing a palm fruit or coconut tree to steal the baby birds from among the thousands of nests. He will cook the birds for his chop (food) which he makes last for several days. They use a lot of hot peppers that no doubt retard spoilage. They eat garry (a dried sour vegetable plant that they grind) that they roll into balls and dip into their "chop" for their evening meal 365 days a year! The natives use dried crayfish to season their chop when they do not have the birds. In the mornings they eat nothing but the garry rolled into balls, after they have soaked it in water until it swells to three times its size. When a tree falls and large worms called maggots come out of the dead trunk, they rush to gather them as though they were a rare delicacy, for they relish them after they are roasted on their open fires.

To your adverse reason you would perceive that the men and women use the side of the road for a latrine, with no apparent shame. A common sight also is the public bathing streams where both sexes bathe together in the open brooks touching the roads.

Another peculiar sight to behold is the presence of the many spirit houses throughout the village, where the natives put dried fish heads, pots, crude tables, and other paraphernalia for the spirits of their deceases to "partake of." The heathen believes that the departed spirits of their dead must be fed and cared for in this manner. They erect costly tombs for their "big men" to prevent their returning to torment them. Carved angels at the bottom denote the number of wives that he had who are supposed to accompany him and care for him in the hereafter also. The ju-ju signs are prevalent everywhere, for the African thinks that this power can protect them, defend them, and keep away the evil spirits.

If you should chance to stroll on down to the native market you would be forced to notice the obscenity of the odoriferous air and become nauseous if you did not make a quick exit! An offensive sight is the presence of the many buzzards which are walting to devour every "edible" thing in sight. The natives will miss their church services to attend their weekly markets, and look forward to their crowded stalls where they buy and sell their meager sustenance, no matter how obnoxious it may appear to us.

Would you like to go calling with me in a home where a mother just delivered twins? The natives think that they are from the evil one, and the mother despairs to live. The husband had to deliver them himself, for the midwives flee from such a case. The frantic polygamist husband came after me to pray for his wife whom he feared would destroy the twin boys as well. The natives mock her, disallow her to eat in public, and won't permit her to touch anything that belongs to anyone else. It used to be the custom of the heathen to drive her into the bush and never allow her to touch home again, but the influence of the churches has driven this custom from them. As we entered the dark room we found the mother sitting on the dirty floor naked with the naked infants at her side. Her countenance was so sad that only the Comforter could lift her from her despondency. Even though there were about a half dozen men present in the room she showed no sense of embarrassment as she sat there on the mud floor in that deplorable condition. The things that an observer becomes conscious of cannot be tolerated in print. After praying for her and the twin boys and reading to her from the Scriptures, the water boy and I mounted our bicycles in the night to return out of the bush about two miles with a flashlight to guide us.

You would surely share my joy several months later when you returned by foot with me to take the baby boys a gift and find the mother all smiles and the boys the picture of health. As we see the need it makes us want to furnish them with nourishing food, proper clothing, and the necessities of life that

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the poorest families in our homeland enjoy.

Do you think that you would like to attend a women's meeting with us? On the way you would perhaps see some natives gathered around a dog that they had hung up by his jaws to offer him for a sacrifice to the ju-ju god. During the women's meeting you will notice little tots that should be in their mother's lap having to carry the burden of a smaller child all of the time on his or her back. It is a common sight to see an unclad boy or girl carrying another naked infant on his or her back or hip for hours while the mother is attending to something else. As we sing the choruses in the Efik language there are no musical instruments at all to accompany us. The women clap their hands, and take turns repeating the choruses over and over alternately with those sitting on bamboo poles on the other side of the house. If the church can afford it, they use drums for accompaniment. It is so wonderful to feel the anointing of God as we teach them His way. Previously they had used the Lord's house for a house of merchandise, for the women would borrow money to trade with, and bring back the interest for others to trade again. Teaching them the blessing of tithing and giving is almost like "pulling eye teeth" when they aren't accustomed to giving to God, but expecting to gain for their own personal benefit. It is a joy to relate to them how our women in America work and give all to God.

If you had time to spend the night with us in the bush house, you would be awakened with the beating of the drums as the young boys and girls dance all hours of the night with very lewd movements of the body. You would be stirred to want to reach them with a chaste discourse of reproof, for you would know full well that many immoral acts are carried on at such times.

Perhaps later you would be aroused by the booming of huge guns as they sounded their somber announcement that another heathen had slipped out unprepared to meet his Maker! The heathen believes that the guns will frighten away the evil spirits.

While you accompany me the following morning, you will see some of the villagers gathered around a large poisionous snake which they believe possesses the soul of someone in the village. As I drew near to kill it one man said to me, "If you kill it, you will be killing someone in the village." Another begged, "Please madam, don't kill it." He was the one who had showed the snake to me and he didn't want the villagers to blame him. A third man stepped up in front of me on the bank and took a palm limb and chased him away to prevent my killing it. He was a polygamist and a heathen and did not understand English, so he could not hear when I told them how false such a belief was.

If you felt that was about all that you could stand, perhaps you would like to return to our house for tea. You would mark that our three children were busy with their Calvert School at home with their mother as their private tutor. They do not get out too often for the morality of the natives is so low and usually makes it quite unpleasant for the chil-

dren. The natives often make insulting signs .nd vulgar remarks from which any parent would gladly shield his children.

Should you ever begin to grumble or complain about your mode of existence, perhaps it would be well for you to call again on our "neighbors" in Nigeria, for our village is typical of thousands in this Calabar Province. Surely you would breathe a prayer for these unfortunate, underprivileged, and neglected people so wrapped in sin, superstition, and evil practices and you would bless God for granting you the privilege of living in America and enjoying the blessings that make our country great!

God bless each reader, and arouse you with an unquenchable VISION TO DO YOUR PART in spreading the flames for evangelizing the unreached before the King returns with His reward for His own.

P. S. Please do not think that I am trying to arouse sympathy, for we count it a high privilege to work for our Maker on foreign soil and do our small part to warn the wicked. The night is far spent, and the day is at hand, so let us rise up and claim Psalm 2:8 as a promise for our Church of God in our quest for souls.

#### REPRESENTING THE BANTU WORK



A recent visitor to the headquarters offices was Brother Harry M. Mngadi, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer of the Bantu Department in South Africa. He is shown with Brother J. F. Wooderson, Superintendent. God bless you as you return to your great labor of love, Brother Mngadi.

# The Open ision

S a child was it ever necessary for you to go somewhere on a dark night? Can you remember the great comfort it was to see the headlights of cars passing on a distant highway or the gladness you felt at seeing a lamplight burning in a nearby farmhouse? Even the flitting fire-flies were welcome with their little green lights.

Surely it was very much like that with Israel as they made their difficult way. Their course was unchartered and they had no certain goal. Abraham had a revelation of his goal when he said he was traveling toward a city whose builder and maker is God; but

most of Israel did not share this vision.

It is small wonder then, that we read in 1 Samuel 3:1b "AND THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS PRE-CIOUS IN THOSE DAYS; THERE WAS NO OPEN VISION." The voice of God spoke to a judge of Israel; the high priest or the king was the only faint light guiding the wandering feet of Israel. How preclous the word of the Lord must have been-a thing to look forward to and cherish.

Can you possibly imagine what it must have been like to approach Sinai and witness the holiness and terribleness of God as the law was given? Is it possible for you to select your sacrifice carefully year after year and present it to be slain for atonement? There must have been very little difference before and after the sacrifice in the way their hearts felt. Are you able to imagine fetters and shackles of the law forbidding and condemning you at every turn? When our forefathers went to their final sleep of death it was not with a blessed assurance but with only a faint

hope in some misty, far-distant happening.

What a tremendous difference for you and me. We may stand as midgets before the flowing pages of the Bible and behold and understand the whole of it. We can behold God in His holiness and terribleness at Sinai, but we can look farther with bowed heads and see His love at Calvary. We can be horrified at the gory sacrifices of atonement under the law, but we can see the end of all bleeding and dying for sin in the Lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world. For a moment we can stifle in the fetters of the law, but these imaginary bonds are loosed in a twinkling by these words, "I am come not to destroy the law but to fulfill the law." Our fathers went to rest with a cherished hope but we can face death. out of which the sting has been taken and approach our grave, which knows no victory, with a blessed assurance, for the cold tomb which embraced our Lord could not hold Him. He is risen and we are living in a glorious time of THE OPEN VISION.

Before our eyes prophecy has been fulfilled. The same prophecies were mysteries to the prophets who spoke them, but we are given to understand. What a revelation of God's divine love. Surely no generation which has ever lived has had access to the unlimited grace of God that we have. How very many have wrapped this panorama of knowledge around themselves like a warm cloak of self-sufficiency and never stopped to realize with what riches they have been endowed! While we rejoice in our knowledge of the plan of salvation and our acceptance of redemption there are millions who have neither "the word of the Lord" nor THE OPEN VISION.

Three hundred and fifty tribes in Africa alone have no Bible and no message of hope. Countless peoples worship idols who have no power to save or make whole. Yet they possess a diabolical power to distress and torment. With greater devotion than most Christians, the Moslems perform their religious rites and continue to live and die without true knowledge of God Almighty. In great pain and self-inflicted punishment the Hindus try to gain some sort of mercy. The Buddhists pray and build their whole religious lives around a pot-bellied figure who can only grin in a ghastly fashion and answer never a word to all their prayers and agonies. In Communist countries the multitudes can be worked into frenzies as they gather around a monstrous statue of Lenin or other great Communist leaders.

During the war many Russian refugees were stranded inside Germany and forced to work. In one remote little village there was an old peasant woman who, as twilight approached, would sit on a benchunder a tree. She would begin to sing, but each song was in a heart-breaking minor key. A listener felt that he must weep as her plaintive song was being sung. If you go to Russia you will hear almost every song sung in a minor key.

Does that express freedom and joy and abundant life?

Perhaps the most weird and sorrowful music in all the world issues out of remote African jungles where death and disease are the daily portion of the poor people who are without God and without hope. Where these religions exist one finds no joy. Disease and sorrow is multiplied. Poverty holds sway in many of these countries. One may proclaim the glories of a religion or of Communism, but real joy and freedom does not need proclaiming. It shows itself. The VISION is not an open one to the whole world yet.

Jesus did not die for a privileged few. He died for the whole world. He has laid THE OPEN VISION squarly upon our shoulders and told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. If you cannot go, you can help send. If you cannot help

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# Christmas Offerings

r. and Mrs. Leon Green\$	10.00	J. L. Land	10.
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H. Edwards	5.00	Mrs. Ida Mae Guthrie	5.
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"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," 2 Corinthians 9:15

#### GUATEMALA

#### A NEW MISSION GROUP

This congregation in Naguatan, San Marcos, Guatemala, is one of more than twenty churches and missions organized in Guatemala during the past year. The missionary, Brother Vergil Wolfe, is seen in right foreground, ready for a baptismal service.



#### MISSIONARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

(Continued from page 5)

ber of the Body of Christ? One missionary asked, "I wonder if the call to witness abroad wouldn't most naturally come to someone who has experience as a functioning member of a local church and evidences there such gifts of the Spirit as would be useful abroad?"

(2) Am I more concerned that Christ should be glorified through the building up of a living fellowship of practicing believers than that I should gain the reputation of being a successful evangelist?

(3) Do I know how to work together with others in a team or do I always seek to take the lead and find it difficult to submit to those in authority over me? Much work on the field is hindered by personality clashes and divisions between missionaries and their fellow-workers. The missionary who has gained the confidence of his national brethren and can work humbly with them in close fellowship and love will demonstrate the essential oneness that exists between all who in Christ have become members of the "Household of God."

No one who covets the honor of being Christ's ambassador in a foreign land will ever feel qualified for such a task. But if the divine urge "to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named" has been given, one may ask with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The reply comes with a confidence not unlike the Apostle's: "Our sufficiency is of God."

#### REJOICE EVERMORE

"In everything give thanks," I Thessalonians 5:16, 18. I am indeed happy to report that we have just closed our third annual convention in Handsworth, Birmingham, England. The State Overseer, Rev. O. A. Lyseight, was our able leader assisted by the host pastor, G. A. Johnson. The services lasted for five days. Over forty souls were saved, twenty sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The overseer reported an increase of the church over the past year.

We now have eleven churches and approximately 400 members. There are eight Sunday Schools in the country, an increase of six schools. The Sunday School and Y.P.E. are improving greatly under the leadership of Rev. E. Gordon and Rev. J. McIntyre, who are state youth directors.

In a procession on Monday over 300 people marched for miles with church banners, music, singing and praising God. We were televised and advertised in the papers. Our only regret was we had no delegate from our headquarters in U. S. A., but we hope they will be here next year, the Lord willing.

During the ministers' conference an executive mission board was formed. This consists of Rev. O. A. Lyseight, chairman; G. A. Johnson; J. McIntyre; Kelly Wright; and one to be chosen.

A youth board was formed which consists of E. Gordon, chairman; C. S. March; J. McIntyre; E. Tennant; and I. Lewinson. We certainly appreciate the wonderful cooperation of the ministers, members, and faithful friends of the Church of God who have helped to make this report possible.

Many people testified of healing and God became very real to us. God be praised!

I would like to make a note of commendation. I take pleasure in saying we have been very blessed to have our state overseer, his wife, and his son with us throughout the convention. He seems to be a pastor, evangelist, social worker, brother and friend to England and everyone. His untiring efforts seasoned with sincerity and the love for God and the Church of God are just a few of the things which make him an asset to the success of the Church. May God bless him and his family and their ministry.

-I. Lewinson, reporter



Handsworth choir, at convention, England

#### APPRECIATION

In behalf of our 63 ministers in the Philippines, and a constituency of almost 3,000 people, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the mother church in America for the mission money that has come our way. In letters, and during the course of our conversations, I have been reminded a number of times, by our ministers, to express our appreciation to you our brothers and sisters in Christ, for your prayers and your gifts of money.

You have enabled us to establish two growing Bible schools, with an enrollment of more than 70 students this year. Many of these consecrated young men and women have received a definite call to the ministry, and will go forth as your representatives to win souls

to Christ.

With funds sent for memorial chapels, and the money sent through our Missions Department for lots and construction, our faithful pioneer ministers have constructed 12 new chapels during a period of one year, and a recent survey of my files reveals that the average monthly attendance in Sunday School at these 12 churches is almost 500. This accomplishment would not have been possible without your prayers and your contributions. You are a very essential part of our Lord's great foreign mission program and we are

depending upon you to stand with us.

At the present time we have 12 more newly organized churches that have no chapel in which to worship. These congregations consist of poor people who cannot afford to buy the necessary materials with which to construct even a small chapel. The faithful pastors are constantly requesting our prayers and financial assistance. Please unite with us in earnest prayer that God will provide this need. In some areas a small chapel can be constructed for as little as \$150. In larger communites and towns we need from \$300 to \$500 for a suitable chapel. Should our Lord impress you to build a memorial chapel in the Philippines, it will be an investment in precious souls and will become another spiritual lighthouse in this land which has been blighted by religious darkness.

-The Reesors

Your missionaries to the Philippines

#### MISSION-MINDED CHURCH

I am now at Elizabeth City and my God has been blessing. We have had about twenty saved, ten sanc-

tified, four filled with the Holy Ghost.

I started turning my Wednesday night prayer service into a missions service. I have been preaching on missions every Wednesday night, receiving a strictly free will offering for foreign missions. Last night I was impressed to ask for a \$25 offering from just about twenty or twenty-five people, including children. I told them how God had impressed me after a mission sermon, and they responded with \$64.35, and three young men stood and dedicated their lives to full time service for God. One boy twenty-two years of age is making preparations to attend Lee College in mid-term.

> -Your Brother in Christ, James Allen, pastor

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SENDS THANKS

Here in Ciudad Trujillo, the oldest city of the Western Hemisphere, is located the oldest cathedral of the western world. In this elaborately beautiful structure with its priceless treasures in gold, jewels, and paintings, are located the remains of Cristobal Colon, known to you as Christopher Columbus. Once each year, October 12, the uncomely bronze chest containing the lead urn in which lie the remaining few bones of this venerated man is opened. There, beneath an elaborate work of marble pillars and statues, gather three men on the morning of that important day. The chest can be opened only by the insertion of three large keys, one of which is possessed by each of these dignitaries. Before the sun loses itself over the Caribbean horizon many thousands will have passed through the old doors and beneath the centuries old vaulted ceilings will have paid tribute to the memory of a great Navigator.

We praise God that His blessings are not limited to one day each year nor are they obtained by any metal keys that man may possess. Here in the Dominican Republic God has been abundantly proving Himself to be "the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hundreds of storm-tossed souls have tasted of the sweetness of salvation, made whole by the shed blood of One who loved so much that He gave His own life that all might have life abundant and eternal. That Holiest of Names, even Jesus Christ, has been our source of blessing and strength here in the islands. We praise God also for the many who have been sanctified and filled with the Spirit of God, as well as for the various new missions that have been born, and churches organized. There is a wonderful spirit of cooperation among the pastors and workers as we, together, are trying to advance the cause of God.

However, an important factor for the growth of the work here is that you loyal and compassionate friends in the homeland of America have stood by us with your gifts and sacrificial giving to the Church of God missions program. We deeply appreciate your devotion to this great cause. Every believer here would like to have the privilege of telling you his personal appreciation for what you have done to bring salvation to him and to his beloved country. Is there not some way that we can transmit to your soul the feeling of gratitude that lies within the hearts of these thy

As the shadows lengthen and the sun sinks deeper into the mysterious horizon of eternity we plead with you to continue with increasing fervor and compassion the work that you have begun. Pray for missions. Pray with the intensity of emergency. Give for missions. Give in submissive fear of God. Please hear our cry as we can hear the pleas of the lost and the calls of palm-thatched villages and towns for a messenger of the gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen.

-George B. Horton Missionary, Dominican Republic



"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

#### \$1,250,000 SAVED

\$1,250,000 was saved by evangelical missionaries, ministers and full-time Christian workers who purchased equipment and furnishings during the last ten years through the New York Purchasing Office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. The EFMA is the foreign missions arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The EFMA Purchasing Office buys an average of a half million dollars worth of equipment yearly, all at wholesale prices. The savings are passed on directly to the evangelical pastors and missionaries who use the service. The office is subsidized for the benefit of evangelical missionaries, Christian workers, church-

es and church organizations.

The pastor wants a new car! It will pay him to contact the EFMA purchasing office and get their price. He will dispose of his own car and buy direct through them. They can arrange local delivery or delivery at the factory for almost any car of his choice. The church or an evangelistic team needs musical instruments-an accordion or a trumpet for its orchestra-or perhaps some dictating equipment, a projector and screen, or a duplicating machine. Perhaps they are planning to send their missionary an electric generator or their missionary needs a folding organ. Perhaps their missionary needs a tape recorder or a typewriter, or the church needs one. The office buys everything from refrigerators and other electrical appliances to watches, cameras, or a thousand tons of steel for a mission school. The location of the purchasing office is not an inconvenience because in almost every case the item is shipped directly from the factory to the purchaser thus saving costs on distribution and freight.

The EFMA Purchasing Office in New York has issued a catalog listing hundreds of items which may be had upon request from the address listed below. This lists a few hundred of the thousands of items the office buys of missionaries and Christian workers, in some cases saving them over 50% of the retail price. Since these prices are subsidized, pastors, full-time Christian workers and missionaries are free to take every advantage of the service which is operated by the mission boards for the general benefit of evangelicals. The catalog lists prices both for foreign and

domestic use.

For further information write:

Evangelical Foreign Missions Association Purchasing Office 39 Cortlandt Street New York 7, New York

#### I WAS ONE OF THE HEATHEN

A STORY IN LETTERS TO THE MISSIONARY

Obio Ibit Esa Abak County, Nigeria

Sir:

I have the honor most respectfully to send you this note of my repentance. I am very happy to report this for you. I was one of the heathen people in my village. I had idols and images which I worshipped and had some which I used for healing some people through the power of Satan. I thought of my soul at the last day, and that it would be lost because of the wrath of God. Very important thing is that I heard preaching that Jesus Christ will come and raise the believers and those who work for Him with their whole heart and faith, and that unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire which burn days and nights.

Secondly I see the manner and the good which God did for my brother L. E. Akpan. Then through him and pastor J. U. Udoh, I call the believers in Church of God mission to come and take all idols and images and burn. They did so. Then as from that day, I, Bassy Ebong, promise to work for God for ever and every, amen. Now I have a Saviour who is Jesus Christ and also I am now saved. Please, sir, if you have time this week come and baptize me in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen. Or if you have no time send one of your district pastors to come and baptize me.

I remain, sir, yours in Christ, Bassy Ebong

I, L. E. Akpan, am very happy to see this my brother, when I spoke to him he heard and followed Jesus. He was a very wicked person as he said; he was a man who put his effort to work for Satan in many ways. Once as he fought, one of his members harmed someone, they said that the man who harmed someone, they said that the man who harmed someone is Bassy and tried to kill him but God saved him. So as I explain this to him and show him how the work of Satan is bad, he repent of wrong doing. As God saved Paul when he repent, God has saved him and his household. Amen.

Let God bless you and your family. Amen.

I remain, sir, yours in Christ, L. E. Akpan

We are very glad to forward you this letter. The main important thing we come to meet you is that there is one man, Bassy Ebong, he was a man having some idols and images in his house, but as we went and preached the name of Jesus Christ to him, he repented, and told us to come and take all those things and burn them, so we did. He needs to be baptized. That is why we want you to come or send a letter to Pastor Ebebe to come quickly. I know the man very well. He is very glad to follow Jesus Christ.

Pastor J. U. Udoi

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Brother Juan Albornoz. This is a nice little church building, and certainly we appreciate the efforts of our brother.



low ministers across the sea. District pastors in India. Brother T. M. Varughese is at left front. "For we are labourers together with God." They left all to follow Jesus and accepted John 6:27 which says, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."



This picturesque baptismal site is found near Cape Comorin, South India. Brother M. Benjamin ministers as a new convert signifies her burial with Christ. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:15, 16.





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#### TESTIMONY

BROWNS TOWN, JAMAICA-I write this to let the readers know that Jesus Christ is still a miracle working Saviour. At about 11:30 a.m., the faculty and students of St. Hilda's High School were alarmed when I broke a needle in my knee, leaving about 11/2 inches in it. They insisted that I go to the doctor because many said it would go straight to my heart. I remembered that divine healing is provided for all in the atonement, and I rushed off to my pastor whom I did not find at home and I went to Deacon Wisdom of the same church, who prayed with me. At about 2:30 p.m., while I was on my way home, another sister accompanied me. I felt something stick me in my throat and as I opened my mouth out came the piece of needle, which I have as a living testimony. Praise God, Jesus is today as He was in days of old. Hallelujah. -Cynthia Gordon A. Palmer, pastor

### THE OPEN VISION (Continued from page 9)

send, you can pray. We are only stewards of God's revelation of love and we are answerable to God for how we respond to the world's need.

"Where there is no vision the people perish" and that is exactly what they are doing all over the world. Many are so phlegmatic and at ease in Zion that they have no burden or interest in the countless souls dying without God. On the day of judgment there will be a terrible parallel drawn between those who have counted their lives and their resources a loss for God and those who have looked more to their own comforts in this life.

Dare to do something for God! No matter how small or how spectacular. He is faithful and just and He will do far more for you than you will ever be able to do for Him. Prove God now!

How we should thank God that we have the OPEN VISION. God is no longer hedged in and inaccessible for us. We no longer need wait on His word through a high priest, for our great High Priest is sitting at the right hand of God making intercession for us. How glorious! How marvelous that we are living in the time of the OPEN VISION. Let us make the best of it.

-Bobbie Lauster
Missionary, Germany

# GOOD REPORTS





CHILE: Brother Minay hasn't rested at all but has really pushed the work forward. There are about fourteen new churches and outposts and all doing well. The Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s have grown as much as 25% in some places.— Edmund F. Outhouse.

GERMANY: After searching long in Saarbrucken, the center of the Saar area, I found a wonderfully equipped auditorium which will be ideal for meetings. Rental is quite high, but I feel sure that somehow God will help me. It is a real challenge so please do pray for God to supply this need. We feel that it is urgent to get something started here.—Walter Lauster.

BRITISH GUIANA: I have just returned from my second visit to B. G. The Lord blessed in a real way. Twenty-four souls were saved and six were baptized in water. Pastor Madray and three other brethren are taking care of four stations in George Town, and at New Amsterdam, Sister Crichlow is having up to 45 in attendance and the prospects look good. A little work is started in Grenada which we hope will mature rapidly.—E. D. Hasmatali,

ST. KITTS: A real Holy Ghost revival is sweeping our way (in Basseterre). In September the Lord wrought a wonderful miraculous healing on a crippled sister through the laying on of hands and prayer by our beloved pastor, Caroline Rose Halstead. From then until now the Lord has been healing miraculously. Please pray for our pastor and us as we continue in Jesus' precious name.—Bernice Browne, secretary.

NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA: We have just dedicated a new church site which had been granted us by the Government for a Bantu church. Our worker there will commence making cement blocks immediately and we hope to build as soon as we have enough material ready. We have 89 preaching places with 81 workers, but only 3 churches and 3 halls, so this is our greatest need. At our third annual convention our people pledged over 4,000 pounds and we will pray that God will make it reach as far as possible .-J. F. Wooderson.

NIGERIA: A new church was born here at our headquarters town with an average attendance of 150-200 for each weekly service. Several of our new students have such a zeal for God that they have been visiting villages and having openair meetings. The results are now a possibility of three churches being received in the future.—Paul J. Searcy.

TUNISIA: This month the owner of one of the nicest furniture stores in Tunis got saved at the mission. He was very touched by the simplicity, the spirituality and the fellowship that we have in the services and he has proposed to let me use his warehouse for services temporarily. I have had a number of visits lately of people inquiring about the Church of God.—Margaret Gaines.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Yet another congregation—in Valdez village—is starting their building and going ahead by faith. They are poor people living in palm thatch houses and they go into the mountains to

cut paim trees for the house of God. This has been the scene of a great revival where 132 were born again in the one month of October.

—George B. Horton.

BRAZIL: We are hoping to open a new work in Sao Gabriel de Goias, a new city near the future Federal District where Brasilia is under construction. The worker should be there by now. Twenty-eight of the new converts who were won in Brasilia have moved there and this should be the beginning of a good church.—Bill E. Watson.

PORTUGAL: By speaking in some of the regular services here and there I have had the joy of seeing sinners listen to the words of eternal life and I trust that they will take root and bring forth fruit. I do feel that the Lord has some reason for the delay in receiving my visa for Angola and I try every day to witness for Him so that when I am gone, people will think of Jesus and His wonderful grace and power.—Pearl M. Stark.

CONVENTION DATES
WEST INDIES, BERMUDA, AND
BRITISH GUIANA, S. A.
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Haiti, January 13-15
Trinidad, January 17-20
British Guiana, January 22-25
Barbados, January 26 to February 1
Dominican Republic, February 18-20
Virgin Islands, St. Kitts, Nevis, and St. Martins, February 22-24
Puerto Rico, February 25-28
Cuba, March 16-18
Jamaica, March 20-25
Bahamas, March 24-29

Bermuda, April 10-14

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... but across the waters came the cry, "I have no food!"

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-Mayme Gardner Miller

